



## John George Wiggins

July 24, 1943 - July 27, 2023

John George Wiggins, of Bloomington, went home to the Lord on July 27, 2023 after a long-term illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bernice, and sister Linda. He is survived by his life partner, love of his life and best friend, Lori Pommer. Also, sister Pam (Roger) Benson, brother Curt (Jean), sister Candy (Gary) Persons, many nieces, nephews, relatives and good friends.

John was born in Minneapolis on July 24, 1943. He graduated from Robbinsdale High School and received a BA in Economics from St. Cloud State University. In the 1970's, John worked for Equitable Life, followed by over 30 years for Lunds & Byerlys as Manager, Wines & Spirits. It was a perfect fit for John because he loved the daily interaction with customers and it utilized his vast knowledge and passion for wines, most notably European. He retired in October 2011.

John was passionate for the Arts, including classical music, opera, painting, sculpture, film, literature, and for the Outdoors through hiking, biking, tennis and camping. John loved traveling, from our yearly hiking trips to the State Parks along the North Shore, Grand Marais and Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, Ontario, to our summer hiking trips in the late 1980's through the mid-1990's to Colorado, Wyoming, New Hampshire, Vermont, which included venturing to Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Islands. In the mid-1980's, John traveled out east with his good friend, Jim, to explore several states and achieve their goal of climbing Mt. Washington in NH. In 1990, John joined a

group to climb Mt. Rainier in WA. In 1997, we took our first international trip to Italy, France & Switzerland and we were hooked! We were so fortunate to enjoy 16 more amazing European Adventures, visiting numerous countries, in the following two decades. We also enjoyed 100's of bike rides close to home, as well as on several of MN's State Trails, and down along the beautiful Mississippi River Road in WI through Maiden Rock, Stockholm, Pepin and the very hilly county back roads.

John was an avid tennis player and relished the amicable battles with his buddies Don, Les, Jim, Bob & Pete on the courts. Over the years, he loved his sporty cars and could not ever imagine purchasing one with automatic transmission.

John possessed a joyful and adventuresome spirit. He was loving, devoted, kind-hearted, generous, and always chose to see the good in others. John will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but, will live on in our memories forever.

A celebration of John's life will be held at Meetinghouse Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina, 55436, on October 18, 2023 at 11:00am, with a visitation one hour prior. A light lunch will follow the service. Memorials may be directed to the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra ([bloomingtonsymphony.org](http://bloomingtonsymphony.org)), TPT - Twin Cities PBS ([tpt.org](http://tpt.org)) or Meetinghouse Church ([meetinghouse.church](http://meetinghouse.church)).

# Cemetery Details

## **Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)**

9940 Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ashley lit a candle in memory of John George Wiggins



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**ashley** - October 17, 2023 at 01:08 PM

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Peggy Gordien and Richard Campbell send our condolences. Best wishes for you Lori.

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**Peggy Gordien** - October 17, 2023 at 11:34 PM

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“ Jim Pedersen purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of John George Wiggins.



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**Jim Pedersen** - October 16, 2023 at 01:18 PM